

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicants have canceled rejected claims 1, 10 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 12 - 40 remain pending in the application and are in condition for allowance.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1, 10 and 11, the rejection of these claims under 35 USC 102(b) in numbered section 4 of the office action is moot.

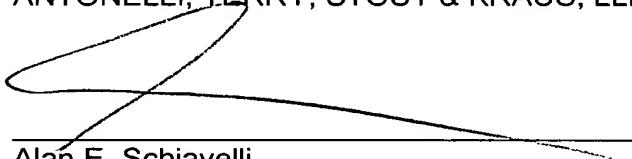
Applicants note claims 12 - 40 have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.39842X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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